

Hus Happenings

November 2009

120 Years of Serving Christ

*In this issue of the
Hus Happenings*

A Thanksgiving Psalm

Psalm 100

¹⁻² On your feet now—applaud God! Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence.

³ Know this: God is God, and God, God. He made us; we didn't make him. We're his people, his well-tended sheep.

⁴ Enter with the password: "Thank you!" Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank him. Worship him. ⁵ For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.



Thanksgiving

Psalm 100—The Message

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Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service

November 25th at 7 PM at Hus Church

Join us along with Asbury United Methodist, Hope Lutheran and St. Ludmila Catholic for our annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service.

Ecumenical choir practices on November 18th and 24th at 7:30 PM.

If you would like to help or bake cookies, please contact the office to get signed up!

"God answers all prayers; sometimes he says "Yes", sometimes he says "No", and sometimes he says "You've got to be kidding!"



November Birthdays

- 6 Trevor Gretten
- 7 Martha Kubik
- 10 Robert Warren
- 12 Wyatt Reisetter
- 12 Mitchell Trotman
- 19 Joan Cross
- 22 Michelle Hess
- 27 Danaca Page
- 27 Hannah Raim
- 30 Jean White



November Anniversaries

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|----|------------------------|----------|
| 11 | Robert & Ruby Warren | 31 years |
| 15 | Christopher & Amy Page | 1 year |
| 17 | Terry & Diane Van Wyk | 9 years |



Ushers & Greeters



November 1st

Anne McDill and Joan Cross
Helen Anderson and Marlus Grimm

November 8th

Marj Nejdil and Marge Pace
Grace Ford and Ruby Warren

November 15th

Mike and JoAnne Hebert
Dick and Janet Ransom

November 22nd

BOOM Sunday

November 29th

Mac and Judy McLaskey
Lisa McAtee and Cathi Havel

"If God for you does not smile, there is something wrong with your idea of God."

-Peter Marshall

Bible Quiz

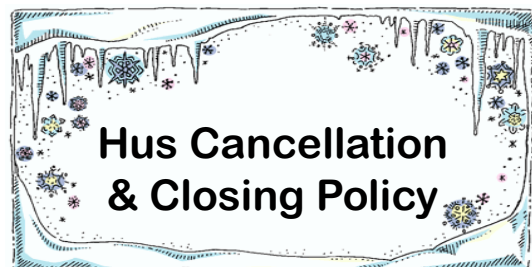
Psalm 121 focuses on the assurance of God's help at all times. The final two verses (7-8) begin:

"The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in" [NRSV]

Choose the correct ending of the psalm:

- A. today and every day.
- B. as long as you live a good life.
- C. if you ask God to do so.
- D. from this time on and forevermore.

Answer: D



Hus Cancellation & Closing Policy

Closings or cancellations will be posted on the Hus website (www.huschurch.org) and on KCRG, KWWL, and KGAN. Please note that the church website should be the first place to check as it can take the media time to get the information on air and on their websites. **Expect a call from a church representative only if you have requested a personal call.** To request a call, please contact the church office (319.363.0067). If you would like to receive an email notification, please let the office know.

*The complete policy is available on from the church office or online at www.huschurch.org.

This past weekend I had the privilege of speaking at the annual youth fall retreat. This year's theme was "Jesus for Dummies" and my topic was prayer. There is so much that can be said about prayer. Many books have been written. Many sermons have been preached. I had so much information I was literally swimming in it. Finally, the day before I left for Camp Wyoming, I had an idea of what I would be saying. Then on Friday, it was off to camp to start preparing for the youth to arrive.

In all, there were about 120 youth and staff at the retreat from five churches (New Beginnings, Hus Presbyterian, Noelridge Park, St. Paul's United Methodist, and Valley View Baptist) and Young Life. Missing this year was Stonebridge Church, but they are planning to join us again next year.

Ok, so we all know what churches are and that there are several denominations, but what is Young Life? Young Life is an organization that invests in kids. For more than 60 years, Young Life has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to kids. Their volunteers are dedicated to reaching out to the youth in our community and aim to build solid and healthy relationships with them in order to offer support as they consider the direction of their lives. The local executive director is so passionate about working with these kids that they moved to where the kids are. She, her husband and their four kids (all under 6) moved from a nice home in a quiet corner of Marion to a home just off 1st Avenue across from the new police substation. None of the girls that came to the retreat had a relationship with Christ before they came, but the seeds were planted. This information about Young Life is important and in a moment, you'll understand why.

On Friday night, the first talk was given on the Gospel. Nate did a great job, but the girls from Young Life were not engaged. This prompted a late night meeting with other youth leaders/pastors. They noticed the same thing I did. The goal of the weekend was to talk to the kids about a deepening of their faith and if they did

not believe, to plant the seeds. Those of us who had yet to speak began rethinking our talks. In doing this, my message was finally clear. God was calling me to talk about God-centered prayer vs. self-centered prayer.

Prayer is your personal communication with God. The problem is that when we pray, we have a tendency to focus on ourselves and what we want, not on God and what He wants for our lives. Prayer is about giving all our attention to God as we authentically seek His will. Will we get immediate results? Yes, but it might not be the one that we want. It might be no. Think about it this way. Joey just got his license and has asked his parents for the car to take Sally out on a date. Joey thinks he's ready to drive, but his parents know better. Joey has a tendency to steer the opposite direction that he is looking and he rides the centerline to close. His parents tell him no. They know it is in his and Sally's best interest not to let him drive. His parents also know that Sally parents will appreciate their decision. Joey is ticked and doesn't talk to his parents for a while. Sounds like some of the prayers I have had in the past when the answer was no. God has our backs and He knows better than we do what we need.

I'll leave you this month with the same thing I left the youth at the retreat:

When you first meet someone, you have to talk to them to get to know them. It is only after talking to them that you develop a relationship with them. The same goes if you don't know God, don't wait to start praying. It is through prayer that you will get to know Him and develop a relationship. Just don't wait.

Living Outrageously for Christ

~ Terry

Adult Readings from the Life Journal - November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 1 Ps. 121; Mk. 9, 10	Nov 2 Job 23, 24; Mk. 11, 12	Nov 3 Job 25 Mk. 13, 14	Nov 4 Job 26, 27; Mk. 15, 16	Nov 5 Job 28, 29; Gal. 1, 2	Nov 6 Job 30; Ps. 120; Gal. 3, 4	Nov 7 Job 31, 32; Gal. 5; 6
Nov 8 Job 33; 1 Cor. 1-3	Nov 9 Job 34; 1 Cor. 4-6	Nov 10 Job 35, 36; 1 Cor. 7, 8	Nov 11 Ps. 122; 1 Cor. 9-11	Nov 12 Job 37, 38; 1 Cor. 12	Nov 13 Job 39, 40; 1 Cor. 13, 14	Nov 14 Ps. 149; 1 Cor. 15, 16
Nov 15 Job 41, 42; 2 Cor. 1, 2	Nov 16 2 Cor. 3-6	Nov 17 2 Cor. 7-10	Nov 18 Ps. 124; 2 Cor. 11-13	Nov 19 Mt. 1-4	Nov 20 Mt. 5-7	Nov 21 Mt. 8-10
Nov 22 Mt. 11-13	Nov 23 Mt. 14-16	Nov 24 Mt. 17-19	Nov 25 Mt. 20-22	Nov 26 Mt. 23-25	Nov 27 Ps. 125; Mt. 26, 27	Nov 28 Mt. 28; 1 Th. 1-3
Nov 29 1 Th. 4, 5; 2 Th. 1-3	Nov 30 Rom. 1-4					

Life journals are available for kids, teens and adults through the church office.

Please call the office for more details.

Journaling is an excellent way to both record and process what God has spoken to us. It's also a useful tool to use at a later time, to reflect on and review some of the 'gems' that you have received. Without writing them down, you may forget those blessings and some very important lessons! And while journaling is a very personal time with the Lord, you may want to share some of your daily journaling with your small group or mentors. Through discussion, you may be able to look deeper into what God is speaking to you, gain new insight and even encourage others.

S for Scripture

Open your Bible to the reading found under today's date of your Bible bookmark. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

O for Observation

What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Paraphrase and write this scripture down in your own words, in your journal.

A for Application

Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.

P for Prayer

This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out.

Rotational Sunday School Exploring God's World

Hus Church Sunday School is from
11:00am - 11:45 am each Sunday

November 1 will be our last Daniel lesson. The next prophet in our series will be Isaiah. We'll be looking at how Isaiah predicted the Messiah in preparation for Christmas. Isaiah is often thought of as the greatest of the writing prophets. The "Messiah" or anointed one, the expected king and deliverer of the Jews, is foretold by several Old Testament prophets, but chief among them is Isaiah. Isaiah, whose name means "The Lord saves," lived in Jerusalem during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah.

Our Key Verse is:

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. And the government will rest on his shoulders. These will be his royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)

**KIDS AGES 3-6TH GRADE
WILL MEET IN THE
SCRIPTURE SAFARI
ROOM. FROM THERE,
WE'LL DIRECT THE KIDS
TO THEIR STATION FOR
THE DAY.**

The Stations:

Imagination Island:

Creative Art

**Bible Broadway:
Drama**

Movies on the Mount:
Video

**SCRIPTURE SAFARI:
Bible Exploration**


Polar PC.: Computers

We have a new class
for 3-6 year olds!!
Thanks to Marilyn and
Michelle Hess for
volunteering to teach!

**Adults meet in the
upstairs Adult
Sunday School
Room for class with
Judy! Come join in
the discussion.
Everyone is
welcome.**

**Youth in
High School
meet in the
Youth Room
for
Sunday School
with
Terry and Diane.**

*We will not have
Sunday School on
November 29th. Also,
we will finish the Isaiah
rotation on December
6th. We will have a
month long Christmas
break and start back up
on January 10th.*



He gave thanks

This Thanksgiving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

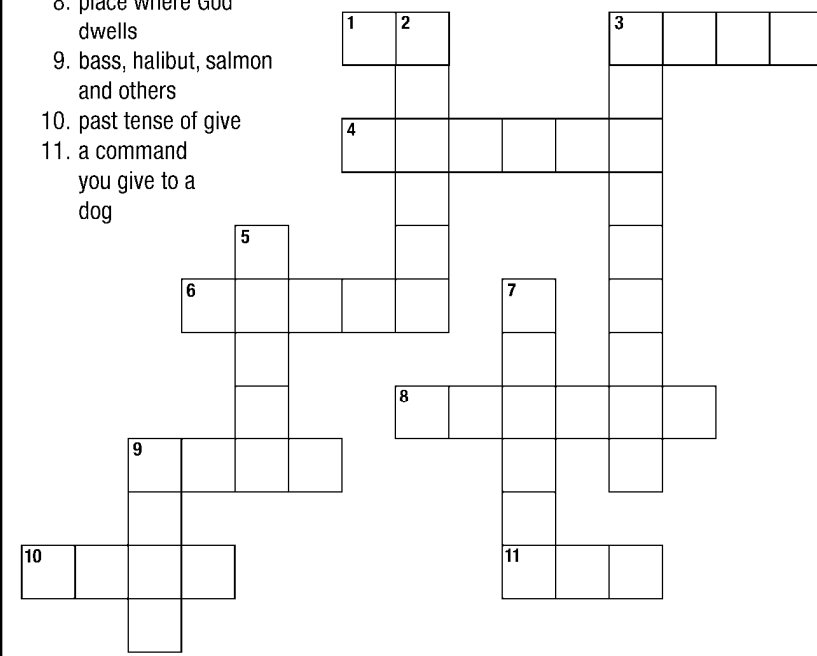
Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

Across

- opposite of down
- opposite of up
- more than one loaf
- penniless
- place where God dwells
- bass, halibut, salmon and others
- past tense of give
- a command you give to a dog

Down

- another name for humans
- twelve of Jesus' closest friends
- what a lawnmower cuts
- _____ giving
- odd number after 4



Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. loaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit
Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five

thank you, God!



November

Attitude of GRATITUDE

The Thanksgiving holiday reminds us that we should always be grateful for the many blessings God provides. Keep a special gratitude journal, and write in it often to keep an attitude of gratitude.






What you need:

- Paper (8½" x 11" sheets, plain or lined)
- Stapler
- Stickers
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

1. Fold several sheets of paper in half.
2. Staple the pages together on the folded crease.
3. Write "Attitude of Gratitude" on the cover.
4. Decorate your journal with stickers and drawings.
5. On the inside cover, write "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).
6. Use your journal daily as a reminder of your blessings and as a guide for when you say prayers.

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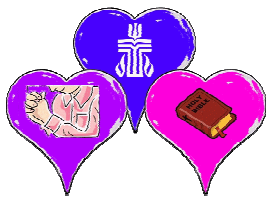
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching Sunday School 11:00 AM BOOM Sunday Practice- 12 PM	2 Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	3 Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Music Lessons Local 262 - 6 PM	4 CSA Meeting Youth Group - 5:30 PM Choir- 7 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	5 Stretch class- 9 AM Music Lessons	6	7 Worship Team at Mission of Hope- 6:30 PM 
8 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching Sunday School (No High School)-11 AM Visioneering -3 PM	9 Music Lessons Lodge 13- 6 PM Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	10 SOKOL baking- 8 AM Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Music Lessons	11 Youth Group - 5:30 PM Choir- 7 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM 	12 Stretch class- 9 AM Music Lessons	13 Dámská- 1 PM	14 Hus Racing League- Registration - 9:30 AM Racing - 10 AM
15 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching Sunday School 11:00 AM BOOM Sunday Practice- 12 PM	16 Lifeline- 8:15 AM-5:30 PM Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	17 Men's Breakfast- 7:30 AM Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Music Lessons Session - 7 PM	18 Youth Group - 5:30 PM Choir- 7 PM Ecumenical Choir- 7:30 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	19 Stretch class- 9 AM Lunch Bunch- 11:30 AM Federation of Czech Groups- 1 PM Music Lessons	20	21
22 Worship Service - 9:30 AM BOOM Sunday Sunday School 11:00 AM	23 Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	24 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Music Lessons Choir - 7 PM Ecumenical Choir- 7:30 PM	25 Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at Hus Church- 7 PM	26  THANKSGIVING Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28
29 First Sunday in Advent Worship Service - 9:30 AM	30 Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM					

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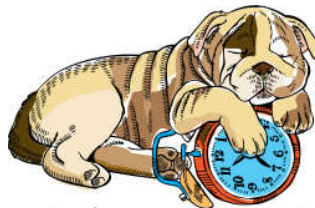
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Daylight-Saving Time Ends



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